

Application No. 09/806,989  
Amendment dated January \_\_\_\_, 2005  
Reply to Office Action of September 22, 2004

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended) A method of increasing insulin sensitivity in a mammalian patient in need thereof, comprising by administering to the patient an effective amount of a nitric oxide donor ~~or nitric oxide agonist~~ compound.

Claim 2 (currently amended) The method according to claim 91, wherein said administering step ~~further includes~~ comprises orally administering the compound.

Claim 3 (currently amended) The method according to claim 91, wherein said administering step ~~further includes~~ comprises injecting the compound.

Claims 4-18 (cancelled)

Claim 19 (new) The method according to claim 1, wherein said insulin sensitivity is hepatic insulin sensitizing substance (HISS) dependent insulin sensitivity.